
**Minutes
Human Relations Commission
April 11, 2006**

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on TUESDAY, April 11, 2006 6:00 P.M., at the Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Zach Berning
Colleen Byron
Arlene Chin
Michele Duval
Edwin Gonzalez-Santin
Joseph Mann
Joel Navarro
Gail Paredes-Ewen
Linda Ritland
Janis Webb

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Hassan Elsaad
Safali Patel-Evans
Muhammed Zubair

City Staff Present:

Ginny Belousek

Guests Present:

Meeting convened at 6:12 P.M.

Chair Joel Navarro called the meeting to order and invited members of the public to address the Commission.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2- Consideration of Minutes

March 14, 2006

MOTION: Commissioner Gail Paredes-Ewen made a motion to accept minutes as amended.

SECOND: Commissioner Colleen Byron.

DECISION: Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 – Dr. Nadim Hassan Deportation Case Follow-up

There was no report.

Agenda Item 4 – HRC Strategic Plan Update

Chair Joel Navarro asked for an update on the following subcommittees:

A. Subcommittee for Development of Emerging Issues Report:

Chair Joel Navarro provided an update:

1. Regional HRC Subcommittee on Day Labor Issues Update

- 1) The Public Forum on Day Labor set for Wednesday, May 10, 2006 has been cancelled. The subcommittee is running into difficulty getting commitments from legislators to participate in the Forum. The subcommittee will solicit feedback from the Regional Human Relations Commission on 'next steps' on the issue of day labor.

2. GLBT Issues Update

There was no report.

B. Subcommittee on Strategic Oversight Update

Staff Ginny Belousek provided an update on the following topic:

1. Tempe Talks: A Diversity Dialogue Update

- 1) The Diversity Office is working with some participants of the program to create a subcommittee to expand the program's curriculum. A tentative date for their first meeting has been set for April 20, 2006.

C. Subcommittee on Diversity Supplier Update

No report. The Diversity Office has been receiving application forms from vendors. The Office is working on a tracking system for the data.

Agenda Item 5–Diversity Office Update

Staff Ginny Belousek provided an update on the activities of the Diversity Office:

1. Diversity Office Update

- 1) The Diversity Office wants to form the MLK Subcommittee early to begin planning the 2007 HRC Diversity Awards Brunch. Members of the HRC have been asked to think about serving on the committee.
- 2) The first Cesar Chavez Coloring Contest was successful. The long-term plan is to invite a different elementary school each year to participate in the program, working alphabetically through the Tempe and Kyrene District schools located in Tempe.

Agenda Item 6 –Current Events Announcements

- None.

The commission's next meeting will be May 9, 2006 at Tempe City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Prepared by: Andrea Groves

Reviewed by: Rosa Inchausti

Rosa Inchausti, Diversity Manager